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To DIRECTOR.

1. For the present the SAUSAGE-DEALERS (KOERPERKUEHNEN) cannot repeat a daylight blitz-through to LONDON like that of 5th September. They are now increasing their night bombing. First one aircraft sets fire to the objective; a little later they bomb in large groups. They bomb from a great height and the hits are insignificant. Most of the (buildings) blitzed in LONDON are dwellings and shops. Delayed-action bombs are often used. The British admit that the attempt to use their aircraft as night fighters has produced no positive results. The searchlights' ceiling is limited and they are of little help to the A.A. guns. Two weeks ago I saw that one searchlight in 30 that were operating was twice as powerful as the usual ones.

2. The SAUSAGE-DEALERS' bombing these days is focussed on docks, railway stations, power stations, bridges and gas (sic). They have scored a good many hits on the first, but according to information from the FRIENDS (DEUTSCHE) the docks east of the BLACKWALL TUNNEL are intact. In the ROYAL (KONIGLICH) VICTORIA DOCK, however, a 10,000-ton ship was blitzed. A number of gasworks have been demolished, so houses in LONDON are receiving half (3' pressure). 250-kg bombs were dropped on BAKER STREET Station, causing great damage, but the station is working. PADDINGTON Station has been bombed three times and

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(261 groups missed) []

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] The signature is probably among the groups missed.

Comment: ✓ [i] SANSIOT-PCALZPS: the Germans.

✓ [ii] FRIENDS: members of the Communist Party.